**Literal, Inferential or Critical?**

**Directions**: After having read or listened to “Papa’s Parrot” by Cynthia Rylant, first figure out whether the following sample responses are literal, inferential or critical. Second, explain why or how you know you’re right.

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Harry Tillian and his dad got along and had a good relationship.

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1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Harry and his friends can get sweets at his dad’s store.

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1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Kids’ idea of fun changes when they get older.

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1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Now that he’s in middle school, Harry is no longer as excited about candy.

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1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Mr. Tillian spent a lot of time with his pet parrot.

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1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Pets require people to look after them.

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1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Now that he’s older, Harry was ashamed of being seen in his father’s store.

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1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ The writer Cynthia Rylant used the mimicking skills of the parrot to great effect in telling the story.



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1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ “Papa’s Parrot” is a story about how a kid learns that his father misses him.

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